

**Merrill Area Public Schools
2019-20
Charter School Authorizer Annual Report**

SECTION I: AUTHORIZER INFORMATION

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SECTION II: CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

(Add additional lines or attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

Charter Schools Currently Under Contract:			
School Name:	Contract Start Date:	Contract Expiration Date:	Grades Served:
Maple Grove Charter School	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2022	K-5
Bridges Virtual Academy	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2022	K-12
Merrill Adult Diploma Academy	July 1, 2019	June 30, 2021	9-12

Charter Schools with Non-renewed or Revoked Contract:			
School Name:	Contract Start Date:	Date of Non-renewal or Revocation:	Reason for Non-renewal or Revocation:
N/A			

Charter Schools Currently Under Contract that have not Opened:		
School Name:	Contract Start Date:	Date School will Open:
N/A		

Charter Schools that Closed:		
School Name:	Date of School Closure:	Reason for Closure:
N/A		

SECTION III: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

Academic Performance of the Merrill Adult Diploma Academy (MADA)

During the 2019-2020 all schools were exempt from participating in state assessments due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Merrill Adult Diploma Academy does not have data from the Wisconsin School Report Card to report.

Merrill Adult Diploma Academy is an Adult Alternative Education Program. For the 2019-2020 school year, MADA students made adequate yearly progress toward goals established in the Charter Contract. 82.6% of the enrolled students made progress. Of the 23 students enrolled at MADA, 145 assessments from the GED02 program were successfully completed.

Academic Performance of Bridges Virtual Academy(BVA)

During the 2019-2020 all schools were exempt from participating in state assessments due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Bridges Virtual Academy does not have data from the Wisconsin School Report Card to report.

Bridges Virtual Academy met the goal of 87% proficiency for academic performance in benchmark Houghton Mifflin Harcourt assessments for grades 3-8. The 2019-2020 winter assessment shows that 87% of students tested as being proficient with only 13% scoring below proficiency.

The 2018-2019 average composite score for BVA students that took the ACT ASPIRE assessment was 22.2. When those same students took the ACT in the 2019-2020 school year, they received a composite score of 22.3. This data shows the 11th grade students met academic performance goals for the ACT in 2019-2020.

Academic Performance of Maple Grove Charter (MGC) School

During the 2019-2020 all schools were exempt from participating in state assessments due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Maple Grove Charter School does not have data from the Wisconsin School Report Card to report.

Maple Grove Charter School academic performance goal is: 80% of MGC students will score at or above the national average in reading and math on local FastBridge benchmark assessments. The same students will increase their proficiency on the same assessment when compared to their individual scores from the previous Fall to Spring.

For the 2019-2020 school year, Maple Grove Charter did not meet the academic performance goals. The end of winter benchmark assessment data showed that 44% of MGC students scored below average in reading and 56% scored average or above in reading. Math benchmark assessments and Forward exams were not administered due to COVID-19.

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

Bridges Virtual Academy: The charter school's financial performance met all required terms of the contract for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The school operated within its established budget parameters and all expenditures supported the academic goals of the program. The school does not have a fund balance.

Maple Grove Charter School: The school met all required financial terms of their contract for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The school has a fund balance of \$54,555.

Merrill Adult Diploma Academy: The school met all required financial terms of their contract for the 2019-20 school year. The school operates within their established budget parameters. The school does not have a fund balance.

	Function	Bridges Virtual Academy	Maple Grove	Merrill Adult Diploma Academy
SERVICES PROVIDED				
Undifferentiated Curriculum	110000	\$ 1,628,203	\$ 352,252	\$ -
Regular Curriculum	120000	1,282,286	38,641	10,347
Vocational Curriculum	130000	3,695	-	-
Health Education	141000	7,221	-	-
Physical Education	143000	218,890	30,177	-
Special Education	150000	100,817	15,226	-
Culturally/Socially Disadvantaged	171000	-	-	99,591
Guidance	213000	53,628	10,425	-
Psychological Services	215000	-	16,950	-
Instructional Staff Training	221300	250	-	-
Library Media Services	222000	108,920	2,696	282
Building Administration	240000	304,172	162,513	22,098
General Operations	253000	-	79,042	169
Maintenance and Repairs	254000	348	13,095	-
Facilities Acquisition and Remodeling	255000	1,394	8,127	23,018
Pupil Transportation	256000	68	-	380
Food Services	257000	-	13,559	-
Central Services	295000	682,558	868	51
Nonprogram Transactions	400000	35,957	-	-
Total Services Provided		<u>\$ 4,428,405</u>	<u>\$ 743,571</u>	<u>\$ 155,935</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITY				
	Object			
Employee Salaries	100	\$ 1,964,999	\$ 449,151	\$ 86,570
Employee Benefits	200	796,559	214,786	35,049
Purchased Services	300	1,123,096	46,109	24,572
Noncapital Objects	400	489,871	33,009	9,419
Capital Objects	500	30,013	-	317
Dues and Fees	940	23,861	515	10
Total Operating Activity		<u>\$ 4,428,399</u>	<u>\$ 743,570</u>	<u>\$ 155,937</u>

SECTION V: OTHER CONTRACT TERMS AND EXPECTATIONS (OPTIONAL)
N/A

SECTION VI: AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

The district did not solicit or evaluate any new charter school applications during the 2019-20 school year and as such did not incur any costs in this area.

The district did incur significant legal costs during the 2019-20 school year related to the Maple Grove Charter School under the category of "monitoring the performance and compliance of the school with s. 118.40. The district had provided notice to the Governance Board that the school was in default of its charter contract as the district maintained that it was not meeting its student achievement goals as outlined in the contract. This resulted in a lawsuit that is currently pending appeal.

SECTION VII: SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

The District provides administrative services to support all persons employed and all students

enrolled at the Maple Grove Charter School in the same manner as provided to the persons employed and students enrolled in the non-charter schools in the District. District services are inclusive of but not limited to: purchasing, accounts payable, accounting, bookkeeping, risk management, auditing, cash management, payroll, benefits administration, pupil services, record keeping, reporting and other compliance monitoring and fulfillment, building and grounds maintenance (except custodial), and testing of students. The District shall act as the fiscal agent for purposes of administering grants made to and received by the Charter School and will allocate federal funding for which the charter school is eligible. To the extent that the District requires information needed to complete reporting and compliance monitoring requirements, Charter School shall provide such information in a timely manner.

To the Bridges Virtual Academy, the District provides accounts payable, accounting, bookkeeping, risk management, auditing, cash management, payroll, benefits administration, pupil services, record keeping, reporting and other compliance monitoring and fulfillment services, and testing of students. The district does not provide transportation, technology, food services, custodial or maintenance services to the school.

To the Merrill Adult Diploma Academy, the District provides purchasing, accounts payable, accounting, bookkeeping, risk management, auditing, cash management, payroll, benefits administration, pupil services, record keeping, reporting and other compliance monitoring and fulfillment, building and grounds maintenance, custodial, and testing of students. Transportation is not provided to the school.

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Section VI

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	\$18,625.27
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	\$2,710.56
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	\$226,635.67
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	\$0.00
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	\$0.00
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	\$0.00
OTHER (REPLACE OTHER WITH AN ACTIVITY NAME)	900	\$0.00
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TOTAL		\$247,971.50

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SECTION VII

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER SERVICES AND COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Special Education	150000	\$15,226.10
Health Services	214000	\$0.00
Psychological Services	215000	\$0.00
Other Pupil Services	219000	\$6,548.17
Direction of Improvement of Instruction	221100	\$28,612.53
Curriculum Development	221200	\$0.00
Instructional Staff Training	221300	\$0.00
Instructional Staff Services	223000	\$7,047.69
General Administration	230000	\$42,670.13
Building Administration	240000	\$0.00
Business Services	252000	\$42,318.81
General Operations	253000	\$12,931.93
Pupil Transportation	256000	\$32,019.49
Technology	266000	\$40,355.56
Insurances	270000	\$20,175.13
Food Service	257000	\$13,559.30
Totals		\$261,464.83